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## SELWYN HOUSE



## NEWSLETTER

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## Expanded library facilities main feature of renovations Locker rooms receive attention

A major renovation programme of the School's physical facilities got underway in June. At the core of the scheme is the re-location of the Library to the third floor where it will occupy three and one half times its previous space. The new facility provides for 18,000 volumes and the comfortable accommodation of 86 boys as compared to 10,000 volumes and seating for 38.

A restructuring of the School's property at 442 Argyle Avenue allows for the accommodation of two Junior School classrooms and a caretaker's apartment.

Locker rooms, offices, athletic equipment rooms,

Art Studio, and masters' common rooms are all being relocated and refurnished.

The entire project was slated for completion in time for School opening in early September. The regrettable strike of the Quebec construction industry, however, has prevented completion of the work. Despite aggravating inconveniences caused by the work stoppage, the School year has gotten well under way and all the programmes are operating.

A detailed report on the entire project will be given in the next edition of the "Newsletter", by which time the work will have been completed

# Bantam Rugby and Junior Tennis teams win G.M.I.A.A. championships

Selwyn House's Bantam team continued the School's tradition of fine rugby play by winning its first City Championship last Spring. The squad, coached by Mr. P. Govan and Mr. R. Wearing, compiled at 6-1 record in inter-school matches.

Forwards P. Baillargeon, D. Peets and A. Nemec were outstanding in scrum situations, often winning 95% of the scrums in a game. Team

captain, K. Nemec and the other backs D. Seward, C. Sauviat and C. Smith showed excellent ball-handling skill and running ability over the season. Scrum-half N. Howson was invaluable for his leadership in directing the backs and the forwards to combine in the team efforts which led to this champion-ship.

A strong Junior tennis team, led by singles players

B. Sambrook and M. Shetler and reinforced by the doubles team of A. Black, and D. Leopold, won the G.M.I.A.A. Junior tournament and gave Selwyn House its second City Championship. The two month programme of instruction and play at the Nuns' Island Indoor Tennis Club, under coach P. Beauchamp's direction, contributed largely to the calibre of play of this well-balanced team.



A tense moment in the Senior Rugby Team's game with Lower Canada College. The finals for the G.M.I.A.A. Championships were played at the Autostade, a match won by L.C.C.

#### Debating Society has active season

Another year of progress and activity was climaxed for debaters this Spring as Selwyn House won its first championship. The victory went to the team of Ken Clark and Chris Carter at the Kemptville Invitational Tournament, where, ably seconded by Colin McGregor and Robert Speigel, our team carried honours both in the best speakers and the overall categories.

Three teams participated (See "Debating" - pg. 2)

## H.H. Norsworthy re-elected Chairman of Board of Directors

At its mid-summer meeting, the Board of Directors of the Selwyn House Association elected Mr. H. H. Norsworthy as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Norsworthy attended Selwyn House, 1931-36, and served as its seventh Chairman from 1965 to 1967.

Mr. E. H. Ballon, whom Mr. Norsworthy succeeds, has served as Chairman since 1972. Mr. Ballon continues on as a member of the Board of Directors.



The annual Grade 7 trip to Ottawa featured an extended visit to Parliament. Leader of the Opposition, Joe Clark, met for a leisurely exchange with our students.

## Activities Night features displays and stage presentations

Activities Night '76 took place at the School during the latter part of April. This occasion offered to parents and friends an opportunity to view many of the non-academic activities in which students are involved.

Twelve displays throughout the School were open for inspection, and members of the various clubs were on hand to explain their exhibits and to answer questions.

The 4-room display offered by the History group was impressive and especially well-attended. Other middle and senior school activities were represented by the Science and Biology Clubs, (See "Activities" - pg. 2)

### Canadian Junior School Headmasters' Conference hosted by Selwyn House

The Canadian Junior School Headmasters' Conference was held at Selwyn House early last April. This organization draws members from the Junior Schools within the Independent School system in Canada. Sixteen Schools from Nova Scotia to British Columbia sent representatives.

A cocktail party was hosted by the Headmaster, followed by an informal dinner in Old Montreal on April 1st. Three papers were presented on the second day of the Conference. A.S. Troubetzkey spoke on the topic "Ca. We Achieve Bilingualism. Among Our Students?". This paper was

followed by a discussion on the functions and role of Geography in our Schools, moderated by Professor Peter Burpee of McGill University. The afternoon session was led by Dr. R. A. Speirs, who spoke on "Linguistics — An Integral Part of our English Curriculum."

Mr. E. M. Ballon, Chairman of the Board, Selwyn House School, hosted a dinner at the Montreal Racket Club. The guest speaker was Dr. Alan Mann, Head of Psychiatry at the Montreal General Hospital. Dr. Mann's address highlighted some of the problems facing

(See "Conference" - pg. 2)

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#### REMINDER

O.B. SOCCER GAME

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27th, 4:30 P.M. WESTMOUNT PARK, MAIN FIELD

#### Activities...

the Selwyn House Year Book Staff, the Woodworking and the Melodica groups.

The School's dining room

was transformed into an art 13ther where Grades 1 . 8 showed drawings, paintings, ollages, papier-mache, clay with the strong Grade 2 display, entitled "Neighbourhood", featured a well-made grouping of

model houses. The latter part of the evening took place in the gymnasium. There, the Phys-Ed department put on a gymdisplay; three choirs under the direction of Mr. B. Harker presented three songs; and finals of the public-speaking contest were decided Peter Oliver won the senior title speaking on "Biculturism and ingualism" and Tony Burpee won the Middle School event by discussing "The Need for English Grammas'

#### Goethe Institute awards prizes to 2 Seniors

Last Spring, two boys from Grade 11, Jamie Turner and Richard Small, entered a German language competiton which was sponsored by the West German Consulate and was open to any student in the Province of Quebec. Held at the Goethe Institute, a German cultural centre in Place Bonaventure, the contest consisted of both oral and written exercises. Overall. Jamie and Richard won second and fourth places respectively. Unfortunately, both were ineligible for the three grand prizes of summer trips to Germany, as these were restricted to students whose first language was German.

These two boys have been studying German on an extra-curricular basis after school hours for four years and last year both received well over 90% in their 11th Grade Provincial Matriculations exams.



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Some 160 youngsters participated in the theatrical production. "Ye Gods: A Confrontation". Boys of Grade 3 and 4 perform Greek exercises and a dance.

## Spring sports programme features Rugby, Track and other activities

Last Spring's term of athletic activities was probably the most successful in the School's history, and provided a fitting conclusion to the 1975-76 athletic year. A total of 18 teams had participated in inter-school games, six of which were entered into the highly competitive G.M.I.A.A. leagues. One team finished fourth in the Track and Field Section. The Senior soccer team placed third; the Senior rugby team reached the finals in their league. The Bantam rugby team and the Junior tennis team won championships.

As well as team sports, an instructional programme was offered in a wide variety of activities, including softball, lacrosse, tennis, golf and track. Hence, each student was able to find an activity in which he was interested.

The season closed with two track meets, the School's annual competition and the large G.M.I.A.A. event, and with the city championship in Senior rugby in Autostade against L.C.C.

At the School meet, a general level of improvement was noted and 12 new were established. records

Prominent here were R. Hall, T. Ford, E. Bernard, R. Riley, M. Lucas and B. Brydon. The G.M.I.A.A. meet produced fine individual performances by R. Whitehead with two seconds and a third, P. Waszkis and T. Ford each with a first and two thirds

The Senior rugby team, led by D. Bloxam, R. Rohlicek and W. Wallace, culminated a fine season by tying L.C.C. for the league title. The final playdown was decided at the Autostade and Selwyn House came out second best at this encounter.

### Selwyn House Sportsman's Guild formed seven outstanding athletes first to be honoured

Selwyn House has recently formed an honorary association, The Sportsman's Guild, as a means of recognizing individuals who have made truly outstanding contributions to the School's Athletic programme.

A maximum of twelve students from Grades 10 or II can be elected annually to Guild. These candidates are | chosen for success in team involvement, over-all enthusiasm, effort and exceptional sportsmanship. Each member chosen will have his name inscribed in the Guild's roll and will be entitled to wear the Guild's necktie.

The Awards Committee of the Guild consists of the Headmaster, the Director of Athletics and two other members of the teaching staff who are associated with the Athletics Department.

Named at Prize Giving on June 9th, 1976 were D. Bloxam, M. Hooton, K. Nemec, M. Ogilvy, J. Quintana, W. Smith, J. Turner, the first members inscribed in the rolls of this new organization.

in the Provincial Debating Contest, held this year at B.C.S. and Alexander Galt School in the Eastern Townships. Stephen Scott gained the highest overall point total, while Jalme Turner, Bruce McArthur, Nick Gault, Mark Bandeen and Bill Smith added depth to the teams

In May, ten boys travelled to Toronto with Mr. Aimers for the Upper Canada College fournament. The team of Nick Howson and Doug Peers gained the highest

point total for the School. Outstanding performances were also turned in by Peter Oliver, Stephen Scott, Javier Quintana, Michael Holy, Nick Gault and Brent Mainwaring.

Combined with regular school debates, informal contests with local rivals and a number of other tournaments, the season was a busy and successful one. Two of the debaters now are preparing for a competition featuring cross-examination style debates at Appleby College in late September.

#### Conference...

educators today. It was interesting to note the high regard Dr. Mann has for the Independent School system in Canada, particularly when the public system is fraught with so many difficulties.

The Conference afforded an opportunity to become better acquainted with our brother schools across Canada, It was encouraging to note that almost without exception the demand for entry to the Independent Schools in Canada is extremely heavy.



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